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EDGAR MILES BRONFMAN

This summary memorandum contains the results of a Level II background investigation concerning Mr. Edgar Miles Bronfman, which addressed his the past fifteen years of his life. Inquiries were conducted in the United States and Anguilla as to Mr. Bronfman's character, loyalty, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Birth

Mr. Bronfman was born on June 20, 1929, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Naturalization

A check of the records of the United States District Court, Southern District, New York, New York, disclosed that Mr. Bronfman became a naturalized United States citizen on March 9, 1959.

Education

Mr. Bronfman attended McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, from 1949, to 1951, receiving a B.A. degree.

Military Service

Mr. Bronfman indicated no prior military service.

Employment

Since March, 1984, Mr. Bronfman continues to be employed with Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Incorporated, New York, New York, as Chairman.

During Mr. Bronfman's personnel interview conducted on February 22, 1999, he advised he travels abroad frequently and comes in contact with world leaders in his capacity as Chairman of his business, as President of the World Jewish Congress, and his involvement with the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

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Currently, Mr. Bronfman is a member of the President's Export Council and the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States

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Family Status

Mr. Bronfman is married to [REDACTED] He has indicated that his wife is a United States citizen. They reside at [REDACTED] New York. Mr. Bronfman also maintains a vacation residence at Covecastles, Shoal Bay West, Anguilla, British West Indies.

Records of the New York State Supreme Court, New York, New York, disclosed that Mr. Bronfman and [REDACTED] were granted a final decree of divorce on [REDACTED]. The plaintiff, defendant, and grounds were not identified.

Court records also disclosed that Mr. Bronfman and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were granted a final judgment of annulment on [REDACTED]. The plaintiff and defendant were not identified.

Court records further disclosed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] plaintiff, and Mr. Bronfman, defendant, were granted a divorce on [REDACTED]. The grounds for divorce were not listed. (It is noted that Mr. Bronfman indicated on his Standard Form 86 (SF-86) that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the latter divorce being described above.)

Mr. Bronfman's parents, Saidye and Samuel Bronfman, and sister, Minda Bronfman deGunzberg, are deceased. In addition to his wife, Mr. Bronfman has listed the following living close relatives.

Son



Son

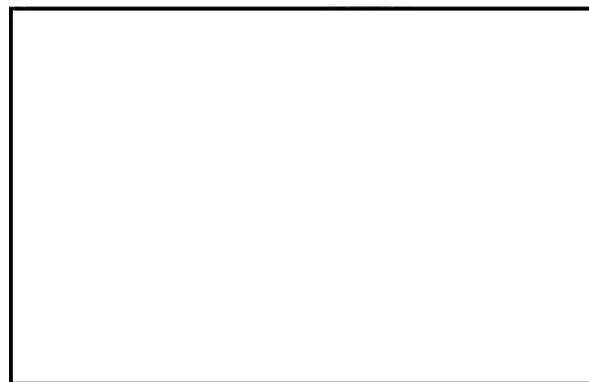
Daughter

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Daughter

Brother

Sister

Computerized records at Immigration and Naturalization, Non-Immigrant Information System, Headquarters, Washington, D.C., disclosed that Mr. Bronfman's [redacted] is currently a [redacted] until [redacted]

Interviews

Fourteen persons, consisting of current colleagues, present neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They provided favorable comments concerning Mr. Bronfman's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty.

All persons interviewed during the course of this background investigation stated they are unaware of any illegal drug use or alcohol or prescription drug abuse by Mr. Bronfman, nor have they ever known him to exhibit any type of bias or prejudice against any class of citizen or any type of religious, racial or ethnic group. They also commented that they believe Mr. Bronfman lives within his financial means. None of the individuals contacted was aware of any information concerning Mr. Bronfman that could be used to compromise or coerce him. All persons interviewed recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed are the following.

[redacted] SWIPCO, New York, New York;

[redacted] Reminick, Aarons and Company, New York, New York,

[redacted] of Saul Partners, L P., New York, New York, and

[redacted] Goldman Sachs and Company, New York, New York

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Financial Responsibility

A search [redacted] which was conducted at FBI Headquarters in February, 1999, disclosed no pertinent information concerning Mr. Bronfman, except as noted below

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[redacted]
[redacted] Trans Union Corporation, Springfield, Pennsylvania, disclosed a charged off account with Chevron Standard Oil Company, Concord, California, for \$117 in February, 1994. However, the credit report also indicated that this account, with the same name and same identifying numbers, has been current for the past 68 months. Based on the latter information, no additional investigation was conducted.

Law Enforcement Agency Checks

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no pertinent information concerning Mr. Bronfman

Miscellaneous

A search of NEXIS, a computerized news retrieval service, disclosed no pertinent information concerning Mr. Bronfman

During Mr. Bronfman's personal interview on February 22, 1999, he advised that he experimented with marijuana on approximately six occasions in the 1960's. He could not recall the circumstances surrounding his use, but stated he has not used, sold, purchased or distributed any other illegal substance. Mr. Bronfman did not indicate this on his SF-86

Mr. Bronfman further advised he received counseling approximately ten years ago for [redacted]
[redacted] He could not recall the exact dates but was able to provide the name of [redacted] as his psychiatrist.

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Mr. Bronfman also advised he has been involved in and has given deposition in several civil matters associated with his place of employment. He stated that all civil litigation was provided by the General Counsel for Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Incorporated. Mr. Bronfman provided a list of these actions with his SF-86 and stated he is confident this list is accurate and complete.

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[redacted] advised that he was the counselor for Mr. Bronfman from 1981-1984 concerning [redacted]

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Records of New York State Supreme Court, Docket Division, New York, New York, disclosed that civil suit pertaining to [redacted] plaintiff, and Mr. Bronfman, defendant, was rendered in favor of defendant by granting Mr. Bronfman's Motion for Summary Judgment on [redacted]

[redacted] Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc., New York, New York, advised the circumstances surrounding the above mentioned civil suit involved an employee, [redacted]

[redacted] The agreement included the condition that Edgar M. Bronfman Sr., in his capacity of Chairman of Seagram and Sons, would [redacted]

The policy was to be supervised by the attorney's representing [redacted] which entailed notification of Mr. Bronfman if [redacted] was to be adopted by Seagram and Sons [redacted]

[redacted] sued Mr. Bronfman but the case was dismissed as the attorney's for [redacted] failed to notify Mr. Bronfman of [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that there are no additional civil or criminal cases against Mr. Bronfman or involve him

Agency Checks

A check of the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Information System (NADDIS), operated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, revealed no information concerning [redacted]

Mr. Bronfman was the subject of a background investigation conducted by the United States Department of State in 1965, the results of which are incorporated in this summary memorandum. During the course of that investigation, information was disclosed that Mr. Bronfman received family counseling from 1960 until 1962. Eight individuals were interviewed and provided favorable comments concerning him

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During the course of this background investigation, the records of the following entities were checked [redacted]

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Central Intelligence Agency,
Office of Personnel Management,
Public Integrity Section and appropriate
United States Attorneys,
Department of Justice,
United States Secret Service,
and the White House Office.

Searches of the various indices of the FBI, including but not limited to the central index maintained at FBI Headquarters, the index of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (Mr. Bronfman by fingerprints and other known identifying data, Mr. Bronfman's close relatives by name and other known identifying data only), the indices of appropriate field offices and other appropriate computer data bases, did not identify any documents that contain pertinent information identifiable with Mr. Bronfman or his close relatives, except the following:

Mr. Bronfman was the subject of several favorable FBI background investigations, the most recent in 1982 in connection with federal employment or access. During those investigations, 47 individuals were interviewed and provided favorable comments concerning Mr. Bronfman

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It should be noted that results of the above indices searches reveal only data entered into those indices as of the date each was searched. However, it should also be noted that some delays may occur as to the entry of such data.

Enclosure